

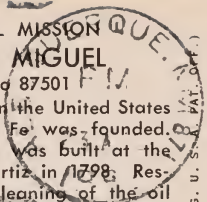


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EREDOS, SAN MIGUEL MISSION
INTERIOR OF SAN MIGUEL

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

San Miguel is the oldest church in the United States dating from 1610 when Santa Fe was founded. This reredos or altar backdrop was built at the request of Don Jose Antonio Ortiz in 1798. Restoration in 1955 included the cleaning of the oil paintings that were certainly in the Oldest Church before 1776. The wood carvings are Old Spanish and Spanish Colonial.



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This is the
oldest church
in the U.S.A.
The altar is
very beautiful
wish you were here
Love Grandma

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